

Table 3.—Enrollment in educational institutions, by level and control of institution: 1869–70 to fall 2012

[In thousands]

Year	Total enrollment, all levels	Elementary and secondary, total	Public elementary and secondary schools			Private elementary and secondary schools ¹			Degree-granting institutions ²		
			Total	Pre-kindergarten through grade 8	Grades 9 through 12	Total	Kindergarten through grade 8	Grades 9 through 12	Total	Public	Private
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1869–70	—	—	6,872	6,792	80	—	—	—	52	—	—
1879–80	—	—	9,868	9,757	110	—	—	—	116	—	—
1889–90	14,491	14,334	12,723	12,520	203	1,611	1,516	95	157	—	—
1899–1900	17,092	16,855	15,503	14,984	519	1,352	1,241	111	238	—	—
1909–10	19,728	19,372	17,814	16,899	915	1,558	1,441	117	355	—	—
1919–20	23,876	23,278	21,578	19,378	2,200	1,699	1,486	214	598	—	—
1929–30	29,430	28,329	25,678	21,279	4,399	2,651	2,310	341	1,101	—	—
1939–40	29,539	28,045	25,434	18,832	6,601	2,611	2,153	458	1,494	797	698
1949–50	31,151	28,492	25,111	19,387	5,725	3,380	2,708	672	2,659	1,355	1,304
Fall 1959	44,497	40,857	35,182	26,911	8,271	5,675	4,640	1,035	3,640	2,181	1,459
Fall 1969	59,055	51,050	45,550	32,513	13,037	³ 5,500	³ 4,200	³ 1,300	8,005	5,897	2,108
Fall 1970	59,838	51,257	45,894	32,558	13,336	5,363	4,052	1,311	8,581	6,428	2,153
Fall 1971	60,220	51,271	46,071	32,318	13,753	³ 5,200	³ 3,900	³ 1,300	8,949	6,804	2,144
Fall 1972	59,941	50,726	45,726	31,879	13,848	³ 5,000	³ 3,700	³ 1,300	9,215	7,071	2,144
Fall 1973	60,047	50,445	45,445	31,401	14,044	³ 5,000	³ 3,700	³ 1,300	9,602	7,420	2,183
Fall 1974	60,297	50,073	45,073	30,971	14,103	³ 5,000	³ 3,700	³ 1,300	10,224	7,989	2,235
Fall 1975	61,004	49,819	44,819	30,515	14,304	³ 5,000	³ 3,700	³ 1,300	11,185	8,835	2,350
Fall 1976	60,490	49,478	44,311	29,997	14,314	5,167	3,825	1,342	11,012	8,653	2,359
Fall 1977	60,003	48,717	43,577	29,375	14,203	5,140	3,797	1,343	11,286	8,847	2,439
Fall 1978	58,897	47,637	42,551	28,463	14,088	5,086	3,732	1,353	11,260	8,786	2,474
Fall 1979	58,221	46,651	41,651	28,034	13,616	³ 5,000	³ 3,700	³ 1,300	11,570	9,037	2,533
Fall 1980	58,305	46,208	40,877	27,647	13,231	5,331	3,992	1,339	12,097	9,457	2,640
Fall 1981	57,916	45,544	40,044	27,280	12,764	³ 5,500	³ 4,100	³ 1,400	12,372	9,647	2,725
Fall 1982	57,591	45,166	39,566	27,161	12,405	³ 5,600	³ 4,200	³ 1,400	12,426	9,696	2,730
Fall 1983	57,432	44,967	39,252	26,981	12,271	5,715	4,315	1,400	12,465	9,683	2,782
Fall 1984	57,150	44,908	39,208	26,905	12,304	³ 5,700	³ 4,300	³ 1,400	12,242	9,477	2,765
Fall 1985	57,226	44,979	39,422	27,034	12,388	5,557	4,195	1,362	12,247	9,479	2,768
Fall 1986	57,709	45,205	39,753	27,420	12,333	³ 5,452	³ 4,116	³ 1,336	12,504	9,714	2,790
Fall 1987	58,253	45,487	40,008	27,933	12,076	5,479	4,232	1,247	12,767	9,973	2,793
Fall 1988	58,485	45,430	40,189	28,501	11,687	³ 5,242	³ 4,036	³ 1,206	13,055	10,161	2,894
Fall 1989	59,279	45,741	40,543	29,152	11,390	³ 5,198	³ 4,035	³ 1,163	13,539	10,578	2,961
Fall 1990	60,269	46,451	41,217	29,878	11,338	5,234	4,084	1,150	13,819	10,845	2,974
Fall 1991	61,681	47,322	42,047	30,506	11,541	³ 5,275	³ 4,113	³ 1,162	14,359	11,310	3,049
Fall 1992	62,633	48,145	42,823	31,088	11,735	³ 5,322	³ 4,175	³ 1,147	14,487	11,385	3,103
Fall 1993	63,118	48,813	43,465	31,504	11,961	³ 5,348	³ 4,215	³ 1,132	14,305	11,189	3,116
Fall 1994	63,888	49,609	44,111	31,898	12,213	³ 5,498	³ 4,335	³ 1,163	14,279	11,134	3,145
Fall 1995	64,764	50,502	44,840	32,341	12,500	5,662	4,465	1,197	14,262	11,092	3,169
Fall 1996	65,743	51,375	45,611	32,764	12,847	³ 5,764	³ 4,551	³ 1,213	14,368	11,120	3,247
Fall 1997	66,470	51,968	46,127	33,073	13,054	5,841	4,623	1,218	14,502	11,196	3,306
Fall 1998	66,983	52,476	46,539	33,346	13,193	³ 5,937	³ 4,702	³ 1,235	14,507	11,138	3,369
Fall 1999	67,666	52,875	46,857	33,488	13,369	6,018	4,765	1,254	14,791	11,309	3,482
Fall 2000	68,479	53,167	47,223	33,709	13,514	³ 5,944	³ 4,678	³ 1,266	15,312	11,753	3,560
Fall 2001 ⁴	68,962	53,520	47,576	33,854	13,722	5,944	4,668	1,276	15,442	11,864	3,578
Fall 2002 ⁴	69,174	53,566	47,613	33,756	13,857	5,953	4,660	1,292	15,608	11,986	3,622
Fall 2003 ⁴	69,456	53,700	47,746	33,677	14,069	5,954	4,644	1,310	15,756	12,101	3,655
Fall 2004 ⁴	69,747	53,800	47,846	33,500	14,346	5,954	4,620	1,334	15,947	12,247	3,699
Fall 2005 ⁴	70,001	53,866	47,912	33,315	14,597	5,954	4,603	1,351	16,135	12,388	3,746
Fall 2006 ⁴	70,183	53,862	47,912	33,174	14,739	5,950	4,592	1,358	16,321	12,528	3,793
Fall 2007 ⁴	70,292	53,789	47,847	33,078	14,768	5,942	4,588	1,355	16,503	12,665	3,839
Fall 2008 ⁴	70,390	53,652	47,719	33,069	14,649	5,933	4,592	1,341	16,738	12,842	3,896
Fall 2009 ⁴	70,516	53,538	47,607	33,122	14,485	5,931	4,604	1,327	16,978	13,023	3,955
Fall 2010 ⁴	70,683	53,498	47,561	33,244	14,317	5,937	4,625	1,313	17,185	13,179	4,007
Fall 2011 ⁴	70,956	53,538	47,586	33,389	14,197	5,952	4,649	1,303	17,418	13,351	4,068
Fall 2012 ⁴	71,365	53,692	47,715	33,578	14,137	5,977	4,680	1,297	17,673	13,537	4,136

—Not available.

¹Beginning in fall 1980, data include estimates for an expanded universe of private schools. Therefore, direct comparisons with earlier years should be avoided.²Data for 1869–70 through 1949–50 include resident degree-credit students enrolled at any time during the academic year. Beginning in 1959, data include all resident and extension students enrolled at the beginning of the fall term.³Estimated.⁴Projected.

NOTE: Elementary and secondary enrollment includes pupils in local public school systems and in most private schools (religiously affiliated and nonsectarian), but generally excludes pupils in subcollegiate departments of colleges, federal schools, and home-schooled children. Based on the National Household Education Survey, the home-schooled children numbered approximately 850,000 in the spring of 1999. Public elementary enrollment includes most preprimary school pupils. Private elementary enrollment

includes some preprimary students. Public elementary and secondary enrollment for 2001 are state estimates. Higher education enrollment includes students in colleges, universities, professional schools, and 2-year colleges. Degree-granting institutions are 2-year and 4-year institutions that were eligible to participate in Title IV federal financial aid programs. Data for degree-granting institutions for 1999 are imputed using alternative procedures. (See Guide to Sources for details.) Some data have been revised from previously published figures. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Statistics of State School Systems; Statistics of Public Elementary and Secondary School Systems; Statistics of Nonpublic Elementary and Secondary Schools; Projections of Education Statistics to 2012*; Common Core of Data; Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS), "Fall Enrollment in Institutions of Higher Education" surveys; and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), "Fall Enrollment" surveys. (This table was prepared August 2002.)